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SUBJECT: PANAMA TREATY TEAM BRIEFING OF LA GENERAL STAFFS

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1. MEMBERS OF THE PANAMANIAN CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATING GROUP SCHEDULED IN NEAR FUTURE TO BRIEF VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN GENERAL STAFFS ON PANAMA'S POSITION AND GOALS IN NEGOTIATIONS, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DEFENSE MATTERS, GAVE A RUN-THROUGH OF THEIR PRESENTATION BEFORE TORRIJOS AND PANAMA'S GENERAL STAFF ON AUGUST 3. ALSO PRESENT WERE VICE PRESIDENT GONZALEZ, AMB.

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TO U.S. GONZALEZ-REVILLA, SEVERAL CABINET MINISTERS AND FOREIGN

MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. PANAMA CITY PRESS OF AUG. 3 AND 4 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE PRESENTATION.

3. PURPOSE OF THE TRAVELING BRIEFING AND COMPOSITION OF BRIEFING GROUP (AS REPORTED REFTEL) APPEAR UNCHANGED. EMBASSY STILL HAS NO DATE OR DESTINATION FOR FIRST VISIT OF GROUP, BUT IT SEEMS THAT THEIR DEBUT IS NOT FAR OFF.

4. ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES (OTHER THAN MENTIONED REFTEL) WHICH HAVE AGREED TO HEAR PANAMANIAN BRIEFING ARE BRAZIL AND JAMAICA. PRESS RELEASE ADDED THAT OTHER ACCEPTANCES ARE EXPECTED. (FYI: LIST OF COUNTRIES NOW IS: ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, CHILE, EL SALVADOR, HAITI AND JAMAICA.)

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REACTIONS TO THESE BRIEFINGS THAT OUR COLLEAGUES MAY PICK UP.

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